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WHEAT PRICES CONTINUE TO CLIMB

The *Index of Prices Received* by farmers and ranchers in **Wyoming** for agriculture commodities sold during October was 136 percent of the 1990-1992 base. The index was down 7 points (5 percent) from September but up 10 points (8 percent) from October 2006. The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affect the overall indexes.

The **All Livestock Index**, at 135, was down 7 points (5 percent) from September but up 10 points (8 percent) from October 2006. Prices for all livestock were down from last month except for sheep and lambs. Prices for all livestock were down from last year. Cow prices averaged \$45.30 per hundredweight, down \$3.70 from September and \$1.80 below last year. Steer and heifer prices, at \$111.00 per hundredweight, were down \$2.00 from last month and down \$1.00 from last year's price. Calf prices averaged \$129.00 per hundredweight, down \$2.00 from last month and \$3.00 lower than October 2006. Sheep prices, at \$26.60, were \$2.40 above September but \$3.90 below last year's price. Lamb prices, at \$107.00, were up \$6.00 from last month but \$8.00 lower than last year at this time.

The **All Crops Index**, at 148, was up 1 point (1 percent) from September and up 16 points (12 percent) from last October. All crop prices were higher than both last month and last year with the exception of oats and alfalfa hay. Corn averaged \$3.00 per bushel, up 50 cents from September and 51 cents above last year. Wheat averaged \$7.10, up 22 cents from September and up \$2.22 from last year. Dry beans averaged \$27.00 per hundredweight in October, 40 cents above September and up \$5.40 from last year. Alfalfa hay, down \$10.00 from last month and up \$2.00 per ton from last year, was \$104.00 per ton. Other hay, at \$110.00 per ton, was up \$1.00 from last month and up \$7.00 from last year.

United States: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October, at 142 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 1 point (0.7 percent) from September. The Crop Index is up 7 points (4.9 percent) but the Livestock Index decreased 7 points (5.0 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for lettuce, wheat, soybeans, and tomatoes and lower prices were received for broilers, hogs, cattle, and eggs.

The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of soybeans, corn, cotton, and grain sorghum offset decreased marketings of milk, wheat, grapes, and broilers.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 27 points (23 percent) from October 2006. The Food Commodities Index, at 145, increased 1 point (0.7 percent) from last month and increased 29 points (25 percent) from October 2006.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS, OCTOBER 2006, SEPTEMBER 2007, AND OCTOBER 15, 2007 U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY

COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES			
		OCT 2006	SEPT 2007	OCT 15 2007	OCT 2006	SEPT 2007	OCT 15 2007	% OF PARITY
		Dollars			Dollars			Percent
LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS								
Cows	100#	47.10	49.00	45.30	46.00	49.10	46.80	—
Steers & Heifers	100#	112.00	113.00	111.00	93.70	98.10	96.70	—
Calves	100#	132.00	131.00	129.00	128.00	127.00	125.00	40
Sheep	100#	30.50	24.20	26.60	31.40	26.20	1/	—
Lambs	100#	115.00	101.00	107.00	98.50	99.10	1/	—
CROPS								
Corn	Bu.	2.49	2.50	3.00	2.55	3.29	3.29	40
Oats	Bu.	2.15	2.15	2.15	1.77	2.47	2.35	52
Feed Barley	Bu.	2/	2/	2/	2.68	4.44	5.38	—
All Wheat	Bu.	4.88	6.88	7.10	4.59	6.75	8.02	73
Dry Beans	100#	21.60	26.60	27.00	19.70	24.50	26.80	47
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	102.00	114.00	104.00	113.00	135.00	137.00	—
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	103.00	109.00	110.00	101.00	124.00	122.00	—

1/Mid-month prices discontinued January 1996.

2/Insufficient sales to establish a price.

NOTE: Entire month price is a revision of previous mid-month price except for hay which is always a mid-month price.

INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS & RANCHERS, WYOMING & U.S.

1990-92 = 100	WYOMING			UNITED STATES		
	OCT 2006	SEPT 2007	OCT 15 2007	OCT 2006	SEPT 2007	OCT 15 2007
All Commodities	126	143	136	115	141	142
All Crops	132	147	148	114	142	149
All Livestock and Products	125	142	135	116	139	132

WYOMING SUGARBEET PRODUCTION BELOW LAST YEAR

WYOMING: The November 1 forecast for Wyoming's sugarbeet crop indicates production will be down 16 percent from last year. Average yield per acre is up 2.1 tons from last year.

Sugarbeet growers intend to harvest 30,500 acres this year, down 9,600 acres from last year, and down 5,400 acres from 2005. Yield is expected to average 22.0 tons per acre, same as the October 1 forecast and up 2.1 tons from 2006. Total production in 2007 is expected to be 671,000 tons, down 16 percent from 2006 and also down 16 percent from 2005.

United States: **Corn production** is forecast at 13.2 billion bushels, down 1 percent from October but 25 percent above 2006. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 153.0 bushels per acre, down 1.7 bushels from October but 3.9 bushels above last year. If realized, this yield would be the second highest on record, behind 2004.

Sugarbeet production is forecast at 31.6 million tons, 4 percent above October but 7 percent below last year's production of 34.1 million tons. Growers expect to harvest 1.24 million acres, unchanged from October but down 5 percent from last year. The yield is forecast at 25.4 tons per acre, up 0.9 ton from last month but down 0.7 ton from the 2006 record high yield. Although yield is down from last year's record high, it will be the second highest, if realized. Harvested acreage is forecast to be the lowest since 2001.

ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION 2006; FINAL SMALL GRAINS AND NOVEMBER 1 HAY AND ROW CROP FORECASTS, 2007

Crop	Planted		Harvested		Yield per Harvested Acre		Production		
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007 1/	2006	2007	07/06
	1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres				1,000	Percent	
WYOMING									
Oats (bu) 1/	48	40	12	8	57.0	47.0	684	376	55
Winter Wheat (bu)	150	140	135	125	27.0	26.0	3,645	3,250	89
Spring Wheat (bu)	8	6	6	5	39.0	39.0	234	195	83
Barley (bu)	70	62	57	53	85.0	89.0	4,845	4,717	97
Sugarbeets (tons)	42.8	31	40.1	30.5	19.9	22.0	798	671	84
Dry Beans (cwt)	29.0	25	27.5	24	21.5	23.0	590	552	94
Alfalfa Hay (tons)	—		500	550	2.80	2.80	1,400	1,540	110
Other Hay (tons)	—		550	550	1.30	1.50	715	825	115
All Hay (tons)	—		1,050	1,100	2.01	2.25	2,115	2,475	117
UNITED STATES									
Corn-Grain (bu) 2/	78,327	93,616	70,648	86,071	149.1	153.0	10,534,868	13,167,741	125
Winter Wheat (bu)	40,575	44,987	31,117	35,952	41.7	42.2	1,298,081	1,515,989	117
Spring Wheat (bu)	14,899	13,297	13,878	12,947	33.2	37.0	460,480	479,047	104
Oats (bu)	4,168	3,760	1,566	1,505	59.8	60.9	93,638	91,599	98
Barley (bu)	3,452	4,020	2,951	3,508	61.1	60.4	180,165	211,825	118
Sugarbeets (tons)	1,366.2	1,266	1,303.6	1,241.4	26.1	25.4	34,064	31,560	93
Dry Beans (cwt)	1,629.8	1,527.3	1,537.6	1,462.5	15.8	17.3	24,247	25,264	104
Alfalfa Hay (tons)	—		21,384	21,451	3.35	3.37	71,666	72,347	101
Other Hay (tons)	—		39,423	40,338	1.78	1.87	70,000	75,617	108
All Hay (tons)	—		60,807	61,789	2.33	2.39	141,666	147,964	104

1/Yield for oats, winter wheat, spring wheat and barley are final for 2007. All other yields except sugarbeets are forecast yields as of October 1, 2007.

2/Corn planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Down 4 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.0 million head on October 1, 2007. The inventory was 4 percent below October 1, 2006 but 5 percent above October 1, 2005. The inventory included 6.83 million steers and steer calves, down 5 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.07 million head, down 1 percent from 2006.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.43 million, 9 percent above 2006 and 3 percent above 2005. Net placements were 2.37 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 610,000, 600-699 pounds were 505,000, 700-799 pounds were 570,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 740,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.71 million, 3 percent below 2006 and 6 percent below 2005. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of September since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 54,000 during September, 21 percent below 2006 and 5 percent below 2005.

CATTLE ON FEED: 1000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, OCTOBER, 2006-2007 1/

State	On Feed Sept 1, 2007	Place- ments Sept 2007	Market- ings Sept 2007	Other Disapp. Sept2007	On Feed Oct 1, 2007	On Feed Oct 1, 2006
Thousand Head						
CO	850	265	170	5	940	1,060
KS	2,140	540	355	15	2,310	2,450
NE	1,930	540	320	10	2,140	2,220
TX	2,740	590	480	10	2,840	2,930
Oth						
Sts.	2,642	490	381	14	2,737	2,725
U.S.	10,302	2,425	1,706	54	10,967	11,385

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

TOTAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

WYOMING: Commercial red meat production in Wyoming during September 2007 totaled 500,000 pounds. This was down 49 percent from last month and down 5 percent from September 2006. Commercial red meat production excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Five hundred **cattle** were slaughtered in September, unchanged from last year. Total live weight was 588,000 pounds, down 2 percent from September 2006. Average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,197 pounds, up 15 pounds from last year.

A total of 400 **hogs and pigs** were processed, down 100 head from last September. Total live weight, at 122,000 pounds, was down 11 percent from September 2006. Average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 285 pounds, up 20 pounds from last year.

One hundred **sheep and lambs** were processed in September, down 100 head from last year. Total live weight, at 16,000 pounds, was down 36 percent from September 2006. Average live weight of sheep and lambs was 135 pounds, down 7 pounds from last year.

Red meat production from January to September 2007 totaled 5.0 million pounds, up 6 percent from the same period last year.

UNITED STATES: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.86 billion pounds in September, down 2 percent from the 3.95 billion pounds produced in September 2006.

Beef production, at 2.09 billion pounds, was 3 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.67 million head, down 4 percent from September 2006. The average live weight was up 5 pounds from the previous year, at 1,290 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.75 billion pounds, down slightly from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.77 million head, down 1 percent from September 2006. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 266 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.6 million pounds, was down 5 percent from September 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 210,600 head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 129 pounds, unchanged from September a year ago.

January to September 2007 commercial **red meat production** was 35.7 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, SEPTEMBER 2006 AND 2007, Wyoming and U.S.

SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Liveweight			Number of Head		Total Liveweight		
	Sept 2006	Sept 2007	Sept 2006	Sept 2007	% 07/06	Sept 2006	Sept 2007	Sept 2006	Sept 2007	% 07/06
			1,000 Pounds					1,000 Pounds		
Cattle	500	500	600	588	98	2,766,600	2,665,000	3,542,417	3,426,441	97
Hogs	500	400	137	122	89	8,832,700	8,774,400	2,348,584	2,334,741	99
Sheep & Lambs	200	100	25	16	64	219,100	210,600	28,320	27,045	95

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